



**FAIR TALENT**—On stage at the County Fairgrounds after their selection yesterday as finalists in the fair's amateur talent contest. Finals will be held on Thursday of Fair week, Sept. 14-20. These five acts are, in the judges' eyes, the cream of 59 acts which originally entered the contest. Left to right are Bessie Clark's Glamorettes; the Blue Satins, a combo; Vince Carter, a judge; Clea Gomez, a singer; in foreground are, Marianne Kehrli, acrobatic dancer; Bonnie McClung, a tap dancer; and Joseph Markham, a judge.

# First County Fair Was Just Tent Show--But Look at It Now

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The vast changes wrought by time in just 18 years will be etched sharply into the minds of those of the 250,000-plus persons expected to flock to the 1959 edition of the Santa Clara County Fair who remember the first one in 1941.

Then, Americans still had a few months' peace left to enjoy—even though much of the world was already aflame with war.

And the first fair put the accent on the bucolic pleasures of rural life, since the county was still largely made up of shady orchards and fertile fields.

The first annual fair wasn't much more than a tent show containing agricultural products. Outside the "little top" visitors saw horse races and a livestock parade.

Today, those 1941 visitors will see a gigantic exposition—in keeping with the County's fantastic growth as an industrial and commercial dynamo.

And—also in perfect step with the times—this year's fair theme will be "Space—the New Frontier."

Livestock and crops will take 25-foot tent to America's current teen-age idol, Ricky Nelson.

The "little top" has mushroomed into a giant, new-type tent, the "flying visitor-pole tent," the first time in Northern California. It will house the Commerce-Industry section.

The big top will be 550 feet long and will cover 2,500 square feet of space. Suspended from its top will be a 35-foot model of the Lockheed Missile and Space Division's Polaris.

On its floor will be a model of a 12,500-kilowatt atomic electric power plant, similar to General Electric's Vallecitos boiling water reactor now operating near Pleasanton.

The big tent will be crammed with many other sleek but awesome products of the Space Age.

The fair, today third largest county exposition in California, will open on Sept. 14 at 7 p.m.—the day after the State Fair closes. It will run seven days.

Ricky Nelson will appear for only one show—on Friday night, Sept. 18—but other famed show people will more than take up the slack.

Two shows each night will be given by Bobby Darin on Monday and Tuesday and accordionist Dick Contino will perform on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

TV western addicts will rejoice in Hugh (Wyatt Earp) O'Brien's appearance both Saturday afternoon and evening, and the San Jose Light Opera Company will present the hit Broadway musical, "Guys and Dolls," Sunday night, September 20.

Added attractions at all shows will be comic Jimmy Ames and the Three Steiner Brothers, tapdancers.

There will be band concerts daily, exhibitions of precision marching by military units and folk and square dancing throughout the week.

The weekend will provide such diversions as the annual Kids' Day program on Friday afternoon, quarter midget races, a Shelburne shift is to avoid conflict with Labor Day and Admission Day holidays, according to Chairman Vernon Christensen.

The Sept. 16 meeting will be held at GOP headquarters, 371-B Park Ave.

# 31,000 See Parade of Home Show

More than 31,000 people saw the Parade of Homes show Saturday or Sunday, its producers said.

Visitors inspected the 32 "idea homes" on display and were entertained by TV's Captain Fortune, Peggy DeCastro, The Derby's and Paul Desmond.

Because of the heavy turnout, contractors who are producing the show, may hold it over another week. It is slated to conclude Sunday.

Hours of the show are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. The model homes are located on Highway 9, west of Stevens Creek boulevard, in Cupertino.

Jacques Terzian, AID, has been appointed by Clarence Minnerly, the show's awards chairman, to head up the committee for awarding interior decorating prizes in the show.

Terzian is a leading Bay Area interior decorator. J. Robert Misch, executive vice president of the Santa Clara County Homebuilders and Contractors Assn., said Ken Hartman, San Jose landscaping contractor, will lead judging for landscaping awards.

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FRED W. HILLTON  
... He Will Preside

# Scottish Rite Will Honor 25-Year Men

San Jose Scottish Rite members who received their degrees in the class of 1934 will be honored as 25-year men at a dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow in the organization's temple.

This session, presided over by Fred W. Hillton, will signal the opening of a series of meetings here and at affiliated clubs throughout the organization's extended jurisdiction leading to the annual fall reunion Nov. 11-14.

Also at the dinner meeting a 50-year hat will be presented to Alexander Sheriffs, who took his degrees here in 1909, served as Santa Clara County schools superintendent, exalted ruler of the San Jose Elks Lodge in 1916-17, as district deputy grand exalted ruler in 1913 and as secretary of Rotary Club of San Jose in the years 1915-18.

Now a practicing attorney in San Francisco, he will be accompanied to San Jose by his son, Dr. Alexander C. Sheriffs, assistant chancellor of the University of California.

Other 50-year men in attendance, who previously have been similarly honored, will be Karl G. T. Appleton, of Santa Cruz, and Robert H. Hargreaves, Charles Shire and Howard E. Coulter, all of San Jose.

# \$21.7 Million Bond Proposals Studied by S.C. Citizens Group

SANTA CLARA—A Citizens Committee here is studying the city's proposed \$13,501,000 general bond issue and an \$8,200,000 utility and sewer bond issue.

The committee will meet again Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers under the chairmanship of Atty. Joseph Kelly.

City Mgr. Loyd Brady told the group at a meeting Thursday night that the general bond issue will not cause a tax rise because the city receives \$450,000 yearly from sales tax, which can be used to pay for the bonds. He said over 20 years this will average \$600,000 yearly and not only cover the bonds but provide a 25 cent "cushion" for bond payments.

These bonds will take a two-thirds vote for approval.

The revenue bonds will provide new facilities for the electric and water systems and new sewer facilities. Brady said the annual profit of \$300,000 from the two utilities is enough to pay their part of the bonds. However, the sewer bonds will require an increase in the sewer charges. At present homes are charged 35 cents per month, and businesses and factories pay more.

Revenue bonds require only a simple majority vote. The general city bonds will be divided into eight propositions.

First is a parks and recreation issue of \$2,940,000; second, a street, highway, bridge and traffic signal issue of \$5,700,000; third, street lighting bond of \$1,000,000; fourth, storm drains, \$1,350,000; fifth, fire houses and trucks, \$1,300,000; sixth, libraries, \$500,000; seventh, an equipment storage and servicing yard, \$303,000, and eighth, completion and furnishing of the police building, \$106,000.

The sewer bonds include \$4,000,000 as Santa Clara's share toward the future secondary treatment facilities at the San Jose-Santa Clara Sewage Treatment Plant. There is also a need for \$400,000 as Santa Clara's share toward expansion of the present primary treatment plant.

Nearly a million dollars will be asked to provide new sewer trunk lines to the San Jose-Santa Clara plant and for a pumping plant to get sewage across Guadalupe Creek.

The utility system bonds will provide \$1,550,000 for expansion of the water system and \$1,500,000 for expansion of the electric system.

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# J. Hackman Dies; Realty Salesman

SANTA CLARA—Jacob M. Hackman, 63, a real estate salesman, died at his home Saturday following a lengthy illness.

A native of Pennsylvania, he had resided in this area for 36 years and in Santa Clara for one year. His home was at 1817 Clifford St.

He leaves his widow, Helen; a daughter, Miss Ruth Hackman; and two brothers, Charles and John, and two sisters, Mrs. Katie Weaver and Mrs. Nora Brubaker, all of Pennsylvania.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Chapel of the Harmon A. Smith Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Santa Clara City Cemetery.

# DEATHS IN SAN JOSE AREA

**Charles Palmtag**, who died in 1938. Survivors include a son, Carl, of Hollister, and two daughters, Mrs. Marie Kay, of San Jose, and Mrs. Muriel Maze, of San Diego, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Black, Cooper & Otzen Mortuary, Hollister.

**Frank Moyano** SUNNYVALE — Frank Moyano, 45, a welder at the Westinghouse Electric Corp. plant, died Saturday in a Palo Alto hospital following an illness of several weeks.

A native of Santa Clara, he had resided in Sunnyvale for the past 20 years. His home was at 590 Brydon Ave.

He leaves his widow, Mary, a daughter, Loretta, and two sons, Frank Jr. and a daughter, Loretta. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, St. Martin's Parish.

Last rites will be held at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday from the Hays Funeral Home. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. in St. Martin's Church.

# Veteran Masonic Lodge Cook Dies

**Mrs. Ethel Beckert**, for 35 years a caterer to Masonic lodges here, died Saturday in a San Jose hospital after an illness of several months.

Mrs. Beckert, who was in her 70s, resided in San Jose for 54 years and lived at 815 Elm St. She prepared meals in the Masonic Temple.

She was a native of England and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Order of the Amaranth and Ladies Auxiliary of Knights Templar.

Her husband, the late Alexander F. Beckert, was one of the first garage owners in Santa Clara County and at one time made tools for the Anderson-Barnegrover Co., a forerunner of one of the divisions of Food Machinery and Chemical Corp. He died 36 years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Elsa Smith of Saratoga and Mrs. Elizabeth Mason, of San Jose; and a son, Richard, of Los Gatos.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow from the Chapel of Roses of Oak Hill Memorial Park under direction of Oak Hill Mortuary. Private interment will be in Oak Hill Memorial Park.

# Amelia Palmtag

HOLLISTER—Mrs. Amelia Palmtag, 91, of 353 Seventh St., a resident of this area since 1922, died in a hospital here Saturday after an illness of two days.

She was the widow of the late orchardist and rancher Charles Palmtag.

# Gem Club To Meet

The Campbell Gem and Mineral Club will meet at 3 p.m. tomorrow in the cafeteria at Moorpark school. Walter Wood, Los Altos jeweler, will be guest speaker.

# 4 Teamsters Ask \$45,000 For Injuries

A San Jose trucking firm and one of its drivers were sued for \$45,000 in the San Francisco County Superior Court by four San Francisco Teamsters for whiplash injuries they said they suffered when the truckers drove into their picket auto on Aug. 13 during the first week of the Teamsters strike at San Francisco.

Clara Val Service Corp., 379 Park Ave., and employee Kenneth Peddicord, 20, Los Gatos, were named defendants.

Plaintiffs are Salvador Campos, Harry Davis, Louis Medrow and Fred Meforoff, all members of San Francisco Teamsters Local 85.

Davis, Medrow and Meforoff each asked \$10,000 and Campos for \$15,000. He charged Peddicord brandished a gun in his face after the crash.

C.D. Equipment Was Bargain! City and county civil defense bought \$153,030 worth of equipment for the bargain-basement price of \$9,123. They bought the equipment from the federal government as surplus, County Civil Defense Director Louis D. Wine explained.

# GOP Meeting Is Postponed

The Republican County Central Committee has scheduled its September meeting from tomorrow night to the following Tuesday, at 8 p.m.

The Sept. 16 meeting will be held at GOP headquarters, 371-B Park Ave.

# Illini Picnic Set

Annual picnic for natives of Illinois now living in the Bay Area will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday in Oak Park. Stockton, reports club secretary Carmen Waller, of 229 Yorkshire Dr., Stockton.

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